# I.C.P.O. Bulletin

## 14-22 December 2006

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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations.
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year).
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14/12/2006: Look for Bob, N8KIE, to be active from Hawaii (OC-019) as N8KIE/KH6 from December 14, 2006 to January 4, 2007. Bob plans to operate from various counties, both SSB and CW. Christmas in Hawaii will run Honolulu several times. Maui/Kalawao counties, as soon as possible after he arrives. The other 2 if time permits. Will run about 1900 UTC to 0600 UTC, no overnights on the outer islands. Bob will run CW until he hears nobody else. 2 Stars good for Master Platinum NO ECC. Send e-mail requests to n8kie (at) aol.com [Tnx K3IMC]

15/12/2006: Look for Karl, N1DL, to be signing J7R and J79DL from the island of Dominica (NA-101) on December 15th only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

15/12/2006: Russian Robinson Club members Sergey/RA3NAN, Eugene/RZ3EC and Andy/RZ3EM, weather permitting, will operate as TF7RRC from the Westman Islands (EU-071) December 15-16th and TF4RRC from Flatey Island (EU-168) December 18-19th. QSL both calls via RZ3EC (QSL RA3NAN/TF, RZ3EC/TF and RZ3EM/TF via home calls). The website for the expedition is at www.qso.ru/tf7rrc/ [Tnx 425 DX News]

16/12/2006: Ruben 4Z5FI/m will once again activate areas for the Holland Award Program. This time, he has a grand plan, to pass through many areas and activate them. He will start on Saturday 16 December 2006 at 0600 UTC on 14265 KHz and will try to activate all the following areas (This is a list and not the route he will do) - BS Region: A- 22, 24; B- 22, 23, 24; C- 21, 22, 23, 24; D- 20, 24, 25; E- 21, 25, 26; F- 25, 26; G- 25, 26; H- 25. AS Region: C- 21; D- 20, 21; E- 20, 21. QSL via home call, direct or by the bureau. [Tnx 4X4JU]

16/12/2006: Klaus, DF2GN/p, plans to activate Lupfen summit (SOTA DL/BW-057, 977m, 10 points, WW Loc. JN48IA), Bathe Wuerttemberg region, Germany, December 16th at 1400 UTC. Activity will be on 3.560, 7.032 and 10.118 MHz CW, to test new rig with autotuner and gp antenna for quick winter activations. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

16/12/2006: Reinhard, DL5ZA/p, plans to activate Katzenburg summit (SOTA DL/TH-084, 477m, 4 points, WW Loc. JO51GJ), Thuringia region, Germany, December 16th at 0800 UTC. Activity will be on 3.6 MHz CW/SSB, 7 MHz CW/SSB, 2m SSB and 70cm SSB/FM. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx SOTA U.K.]

16/12/2006: Karl, N1DL, will be signing V25DL from the island of Antigua (NA-100, WLOTA LH-1118) on December 16th only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

17/12/2006: Michael, ON7MIC/p, plans to activate the Castle "Ter Meeren" (BCA reference VB-036, for the Belgium Castles Award) on December 17th. Activity will be on 40 and possibly also on 20 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx UBA HF News]

17/12/2006: Karl, N1DL, will be signing VP2V/N1DL from the island of Tortola (NA-023) on December 17th only. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

18/12/2006: Look for Karl, N1DL, to be signing N1DL/HI9 from the Dominican Republic (NA-096, WLOTA LH-2274) December 18-19th. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]

20/12/2006: Matsuda, JM3PIT, plans to be active as KH2/JM3PIT from the island of Guam (OC-026, also count for WLOTA LH-0064 between December 20th and 22nd. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx NG3K]

20/12/2006: Gene, WB4KZW, plans to activate several U.S. counties between December 20, 2006 and January 5, 2007 on the usual county hunter frequencies, SSB and CW. He will leave home December 20th, rest overnight in Georgia, finish trip to Tuscaloosa, AL on December 21st. Will spend week there then on December 28th will leave Tuscaloosa, AL and drive through to Killeen, TX. Will leave Killeen, TX January 2nd for return trip to Tuscaloosa, AL. Leave Tuscaloosa, AL January 4th and rest overnight in Georgia, finish trip back to NC on January 5th. This is a family trip so Gen e will be sticking to major highway's. He will put out as many counties as possible while the XYL is driving. The counties he does not get to run on the way out, he will try to run on the return trip. Send email requests to: ercgene *-at-* adelphia.net [Tnx County Hunter Web]

21/12/2006: Oleh, KD7WPJ, will be active as J6/KD7WPJ from the island of St. Lucia (NA-108, also count for WLOTA LH-0718) between December 21-27th. Look for activity on all bands, QSL via home call. [Tnx RSGB IOTA]
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LOOKING AHEAD -

26/12/2006: Jeffrey, AF3X/m, will make a one day trip to Kentucky on December 26th and will activate counties on his route on the 20, 30 and 40 metre county hunter frequencies, SSB and CW. He will start very early, probably around 1100 UTC, and ending after dark. Tennessee: Knox, Anderson, Campbell, Scott. Kentucky: McCreary, Wayne, Clinton, Cumberland, (Metcalfe by prior request only), Adair, Russell, Casey, Lincoln, Boyle, Garrard, Jessamine, Woodford, Franklin, (Owen by prior request only), Franklin, Woodford, Scott, Fayette, Bourbon, Clark, Powell, (Estill by prior request only), Wolfe, Lee, Owsley, Jackson, Clay, Leslie, (Perry by prior request only), Leslie, Clay, Laurel, Whitley. Tennessee: Campbell, Anderson, Knox. Lots of miles to cover with almost no time to stop to change antennas, so if you need one of these counties please e-mail Jeffrey in advance so he can plan to be on a band/mode that works for you. Send e-mail requests to countyhunter *-at-* af3x.us . QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx County Hunter Web]

26/12/2006: PY7XC, Jim, has joined the ZY6T group that will activate Itaparica Island (SA-023) December 26-30. They now plan to have two stations on the air on 10 through 80 meters. They will have four transceivers and two linear amplifiers to be used. QSL direct to PY7GK. [Tnx PT7WA]

28/12/2006: Igor, VA3YDX, reports he will operate as VE2IDX or CG2IDX from Bizard Island (not IOTA, QC-027 for the Canadian Islands Award) December 28-30th. His main goal is to participate in the Canada Winter Contest. Look for him on +/- 14260, 3795 and 7260 kHz. QSL direct to VA3YDX. [Tnx 425 DX News]

29/01/2007: The Buddipole Users on Montserrat (BUMS) will mount a DXpedition to Gingerbread Hill, Montserrat (NA-103), from January 29th to

Feburary 6th, 2007. The team members include Budd/W3FF (VP2MFF), Chris/W6HFP (VP2MHF), Dan/WZ1P, Paul/KB9AVO (VP2MVO), Mike/KC4VG, (VP2MVG), and Scott/NE1RD (VP2MRD). The DXpedition team will pack light in the style of a 100 pound DXpedition (100pounddxpedition.blogspot.com) taking only lightweight transceivers and portable antennas. The maximum equipment weight taken to the island will be 100 pounds per person. With this lightweight equipment, the team plans many on-island portable operations in the hills, on the beach, and from the volcano observatory on the southern part of the island. QSL information, operating frequencies, and operating schedules will be released prior to the team's departure in January 2007. Check their web site at dxpedition-vp2m.com/ for more information and updates. [Tnx NE1RD]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/12/2006: To commemorate the first AM transmission on December 24, 1906, special station CG2DX will be activated by the team of Richard, VE2DX, from Ile Jesus (QC-014 for the Canadian Islands Award, Not IOTA) - Laval, Quebec, between December 1, 2006 and January 1, 2007. QSL via VE2STN. [Tnx Radioamateur.org]

15/12/2006: The Ukrainian Amateur Radio League is celebrating its 15th anniversary and EM15UARL, as well as a number of EM15, EN15 and EO15 call signs, will be aired between December 15th and 25th. For information on the relevant "UARL-15" short term award please contact Vlad Ageyev, UR5WCW (LRU_award@ukr.net). [Tnx 425 DX News]

16/12/2006: To celebrate their 60th Diamond Anniversary, the International Shortwave League (ISWL) will be QRV December 16th and 17th as GB6SWL from Braintree, Essex. Keith, M0CLO, will be the main operator. QSL via: The ISWL QSL Bureau (G6XOU), Belle Fleurs, 18 Wade Reach, Walton on the Naze, Essex, CO14 8RG England. [Tnx Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

16/12/2006: To celebrate their 60th Diamond Anniversary, the International Shortwave League (ISWL) will be QRV December 16th as GB60SWL from "The Naze" at Walton on the Naze, Essex. Herbie, G6XOU, will be the main operator, along with 2E0WMG and others. QSL via: The ISWL QSL Bureau (G6XOU), Belle Fleurs, 18 Wade Reach, Walton on the Naze, Essex, CO14 8RG England. [Tnx Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

20/12/2006: Special event station 8J6KMJ will be aired from December 20, 2006 until March 31, 2009 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Kumamoto Jo (or Castle). Look for activity on all bands and modes. QSL via JARL bureau. [Tnx JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

24/12/2006: CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM SAQ - SAQ (www.alexander.n.se/), the famous 17.2 kHz Grimeton station (on the UNESCO World Heritage list since 2004), will be transmitting in CW with the old Alexanderson alternator on Sunday 24th December 2006 at 08:00 UTC. QSL reports can be given via E-mail to info@alexander.n.se or via the SM bureau or direct by mail to: Alexander - Grimeton Veteranradios Vaenner, Radiostationen, Grimeton 72, S-430 16 Rolfstorp, Sweden. Note: SAQ is now a member of the Swedish Amateur Association (SSA) and "QSL via bureau" is OK. [Tnx UBA HF News]

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* Steve, KU9C, reports that the YX0A/YX0LIX cards have arrived, and he is in the process of preparing the first mailings. The process will be a bit slower than Steve would like, due to the holidays and a few business and family commitments. Please do not resubmit; he will use the dx bulletins to advise when he has finished mailing what he's got and status updates along

the way. Steve apologizes for the delay in getting the cards out. [Tnx KU9C]

* Boris, T93Y, is pleased to report that ST2A QSL cards have been received from the printer and that all direct QSL requests received as of Saturday 9 December 2006 are in the mail. You can see the card design in "QSL Info" and check status of your request in the "LOG Search" section of the ST2A WEB Page (www.t93y.com/st2a). As BHP (Bosnia and Herzegovina Post) can take up to two weeks to deliver a air mail letter (maybe even longer in these per-holiday days) please give them some time before you start asking questions. Once again Boris would like to remind the DX community that 1USD is not enough to send a letter anywhere in the world, while 1IRC is fine. Full details are available in "QSL Info" section of the ST2A WEB Page. [Tnx T93Y]

* Nilay Mine AYDOGMUS, TA3YJ, reports that "on December 11, 2006 I received the QSL cards for TA3J, TA3J/0 (AS099), TA3J/0 (AS115), TA3J/3, TA3J/4 LH, TA3J/60, TA3YJ, TA3YJ/4 LH, TC2K4J, YM125ATA, YM3ATA, YM3BU, YM3LZ (WAE2000SSB), YM3LZ (WPX2000SSB), YM3SV and YM75TA callsigns that had been sent from Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada (VE3), Denmark, Estonia, United Kingdom, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, USA (W1, W2, W3, K4, W8, W9, KL), Lithuania, Luxemburg, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey and Ukraine QSL bureaus via TRAC QSL Bureau. I send my QSL cards myself directly to the QSL bureaus with regular intervals. Thanks for your QSL cards." [Tnx DX-QSL]

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1A4A: Starting from Jan 2007 a new Amateur Radio Station license has been issued from the SMOM, The Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

The license is hold from the S.M.O.M. and its managing is in charge to Giorgio IZ4AKS. The first activity of this station will be from 2 January 2007 to 8 January 2007, from the extraterritorial zone of the Magistral Villa on the Aventine hill in Rome. The operators are IZ4AKS, IZ4DPV, I4UFH, IK4UPB and IW0DJB (HV5PUL). Activity will cover from 2m to 160m, SSB/CW/RTTY mode. Three stations will be active at same time, DX areas, as Japan, South America and West coast, especially on lowest bands will be empathized.

QSL MANAGER: IZ4DPV.

The license has been granted into a fundraising program to support the worldwide relief activityes of the Order of Malta. The Order follows its historic hospitaller mission providing help to the needy and the sick. Today the Order of Malta is a major global, professional organisation in terms of the humanitarian aid, medical care and emergency medicine it provides, in its management of hospitals, specialised homes for dependent elderly people, socio-medical care centres, the collection and transporting of medicines and the training of workers and ambulance staff. The Order currently has medical and humanitarian programmes in more than 120 countries.

1A4A (One Aid 4 Africa) first activity is finalized to collect founds to build a school for young girls, as part of a support plan for the rebirth of South Sudan, coordinated by the Order of Malta, together with the Italian govern.

Updated information's and details about the DXPedition could be found at www.1a4a.org.

To know more about The Order Of Malta, visit www.orderofmalta.org [Tnx JI6KRV]

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Ireland 80m Counties Contest:

The Irish Radio Transmitters Society will launch its 75th Anniversary celebrations on New Year's Day with the 80 metre Counties Contest.

This was a very popular event last year with almost 100 EI and GI stations active.

Given that's its the society's Jubilee Year, we are asking everybody to make a special effort to be QRV, for at least part of the Contest which runs from 1200 to 1500 hours local time. Full rules are available on the Society website www.irts.ie

As a special incentive, all stations who submit a log to the contest manager will be awarded a special Participation Certificate to hang on the shack wall.

In addition, there will be a special Jubilee Year edition of the Worked All EI Counties Award available for award chasers. QSOs for this award must be made during 2007.

Given last years 80 metre Counties Contest activity, is it possible that a '26 Counties endorsed' Award number One will be achieved on the first day of the new year? [Tnx Southgate ARC]
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73 and Good Hunting!
Dave - VA3RJ
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